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DOC donates school supplies to Faras



Chris Williams, Jasmine Hull and Bob Langham of the Arizona Department of Corrections were at Faras Elementary School in Pirtleville last week dropping off school supplies. Pictured above are some of the Faras students showing off the new supplies along with principal Jasper Lusby. Bruce Whetten/Douglas Dispatch

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Representatives from the Arizona Department of Corrections Eggers unit at the Douglas Prison were at Faras Elementary School last week donating school supplies to students and teachers.

DOC Deputy Warden Bob Langham said for the longest time he and his staff wanted to do some kind of a school drive.

"The Eggers unit came together for the most part and picked Faras because a lot of the people we have working there have children or relatives that are either working in the school or are students in the school," he said. "My wife used to teach here 20 plus years."

Langham added he would often times go to her classroom and do presentations

After picking Faras, Langham contacted principal Jasper Lusby who provided him with a list of supplies the school needed.

"This helps so much because so many teachers are going out and spending money out of their own pocket to purchase things like glue sticks and pencils that in the past we've had plenty of money for but with the current state of the budget from the state, reduced resources means reduced classroom supplies," Lusby said. "This really helps us out tremendously. This benefits everybody and we really are grateful to have strong community partners that value education and are here to support us. We can't do our job without the support of the community."

The Eggers unit has 33 uniformed staff employed, Langham said adding the drive lasted about two months.

Faras has 240 preschool to fifth grade students enrolled.